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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attached is a complete plan for the initiation of the mining of the Haiphong Port complex and the quarantine or "blockade" of Sihanoukville Port in Cambodia.

In Section I is the integrated Diplomatic and Military Scenario designed to support the detailed military operation which is included in Section II. You will note in Section II that the Haiphong and Sihanoukville operations are presented separately.

I am sure you recognize that this is an extremely sensitive package which I am providing for your review and early return.

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INTEGRATED DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY SCENARIO

Time	Action	Agency
D-7	Call in Soviet Ambassador to Washington, present him with warning that some form of U. S. action impending unless Hanoi makes significant constructive move in Paris negotiations. Ambassador Lodge presents same line to Communists in Paris.	State
D-6-1/2 to D-2	Most distant CVA departs port for Tonkin Gulf (timed to appear as normal movement).	Defense
D-3	Issue alert order to Commander SEVENTH Fleet to prepare to execute mining and interdiction plans.	Defense
D-2	Issue execute order to Commander SEVENTH Fleet.	Defense
H-48	Forces designated for interdiction (quarantine) of Sihanoukville depart from station off Vietnam.	Defense
H-24	Issue order to commence maritime air patrol to cover seaward approaches to Gulf of Thailand in order to identify and localize all shipping in area.	Defense
H-9	All surface forces in launch position for mining operation in Tonkin Gulf.	Defense
H-4	Final go - no go.	White House

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Time	Action	Agency
H-2	Increase readiness posture for SAC and other SIOP forces worldwide.	Defense
H-1	Launch mine operation aircraft from carriers in Tonkin Gulf.	Defense
H-1	Inform GVN.	State: Embassy Saigon
H-1	Inform TCC's (including GVN).	State: Meeting of Ambassadors in Washington w/Secretary
H-1	Inform UK Prime Minister	State: Ambassador in London
H-1	Inform Japanese Ambassador in Washington and Prime Minister in Tokyo	State: Deputy AsstSecretary for East Asian Affairs; Ambassador in Tokyo
H-1	Inform NATO allies.	State: Meeting of Ambassadors in Washington w/Hillenbrand
H-1	Inform OAS.	State: OAS Rep
H-1	Inform Laotians.	State: AsstSecretary for East Asian Affairs
H-1	Inform Ambassadors of countries with ships in or en route to Haiphong, Hon Gai, Cam Pha, and Sihanoukville.	State: Country Directors
H-1	Inform USSR.	White House to Dobrynin

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Time	Action	Agency
H-1	Inform Cambodia.	White House to Cambodian Charge' and American Charge' to Sihanouk
H-1	Inform Congressional Leadership (call meeting at H-2).	White House
H-1	Alert TV networks.	White House
H-1	Press backgrounder (locked door until "H").	White House
H-1/2	Inform USSR.	State: Molink Message
H	Aircraft mine Haiphong-Hon Gai-Cam Pha complex.	Defense
H	Destroyers take up interdicting positions off Sihanoukville.	Defense
H	COMUSMACV increases readiness posture.	Defense
H	Speech by President.	White House
H	UN -- Request UNSC meeting.	State: USUN
H	Summon special meeting of Paris talks.	State: Embassy Paris/ U.S. Delegation
H+2	UNSC meeting.	State: USUN

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Time	Action	Agency
H+5	OAS meeting.	State: OAS Representative
H+5	Inform other governments.	State: Diplomatic Posts
H+12	SEATO meeting.	State: Embassy Bangkok
D-Day	Be prepared to resume full air operations against North Vietnam if Hanoi retaliates by attacking major SVN cities and violating the DMZ.	Defense
D-Day	Be prepared to contend with NVN escalatory actions in SVN and Laos.	Defense
D+2	Lay destructor weapons.	Defense
D+3	Minefields activated.	Defense
D+ ?	Maintain posture vis-a-vis Cambodia regardless of Sihanouk's reaction.	State/Defense

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